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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM CEAO MEETING CHAD
AND CAMEROUN

1. PERIPATETIC MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH RETURNED
TO NOUAKCHOTT APRIL 12 FROM WEEK LONG SERIES OF SUMMIT
MEETING. OULD DADDAH ATTENDED COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DE
L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST (CEAO) CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN
NIAMEY. HE CONTINUED APRIL 8 TO NDJAMENA FOR 48-HOUR
"PRIVATE VISIT" WITH PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE. TWO PRESIDENTS
THEN FLEW TO CAMEROUN FOR TWO DAYS OF "PRIVATE" SUMMITRY
WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO.

2. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO
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NOUAKCHOTT, OULD DADDAH SAID NIAMEY CEAO SUMMIT MARKS

OPERATIONAL BEGINNING OF THIS COMMUNITY. WHEN ASKED IF CEAO MIGHT MERGE WITH ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS), OULD DADDAH REPLIED THAT IF TWO ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT MERGE IN NORMAL SCHEME OF THINGS, AT LEAST THEY SHOULD FIND "COMMON GROUND". HE ADDED THAT MAURITANIA FAVORS ANY MOVE WHICH CONSOLIDATES AFRICAN UNITY. OULD DADDAH COMMENTED HE HAS ALREADY TOLD PRESIDENT GOWAN THAT HE WILL ATTEND ECOWAS MEETING AT LAGOS.

3. BEFORE DEPARTING CHAD FOR CAMEROUN, OULD DADDAH STATED THAT "MY TRIP IS NO MYSTERY. I AM LINKED WITH PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE BY AN OLD, PROFOUND, AND SINCERE FRIENDSHIP." LIBYAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTED TO US APRIL 14 THAT OULD DADDAH WAS PLAYING HONEST BROKER ROLE IN UNSPECIFIED CHAD-CAMEROUN DISPUTE.

4. CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN CHAD TOOK PLACE DAY AFTER OULD DADDAH RETURNED TO MAURITANIA. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC STATEMENT ON COUP BY GIRM. SENIOR MAURITANIAN OFFICIAL COMMENTED TO US PRIVATELY THAT GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS MATTER INTERNAL AFFAIR, IMPLYING THAT GIRM WILL REMAIN QUIET.HANDYSIDE

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